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# DAHLIAS GLADIOLI PEONIES

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In issuing this catalogue we feel confident that it contains as fine a collection of dahlias as anyone could wish for. Our aim is to include only the best varieties, and any that do not possess those good qualities that make them desirable are discarded.

Prices quoted are for divided, field-grown roots only.

Order early, as some varieties are scarce. All orders are filled in rotation.

We never substitute unless requested to do so in the order, but would suggest naming a few varieties as second choice.

Dahlia roots will be sent prepaid by mail or express.

All orders are shipped after May 1st, unless otherwise ordered.

Remittances should be made by bank draft, money order, or registered letter. Orders up to one dollar may be made in stamps.

We guarantee all roots to be healthy and true to name. Having no control over them after delivery, we do not guarantee them to live and thrive. Any unsatisfactory bulbs must be returned within ten days from date of shipment.

If you are unacquainted with the different types and varieties of dahlias, we would suggest that you leave the selection to us. Send the amount of money you wish to invest, and in return we will send you a collection that will surely please.

A cordial invitation is extended to all flower lovers to visit our gardens during August, September and October.

We grow many varieties in too small quantities to catalogue, If there is some Dahlia or Gladioli that you want and do not see it catalogued include it in your order and we may have it.

#### **HOW TO GROW DAHLIAS**

Dahlias do well in most soils, but do best in a sandy loam.

Heavy soils can be considerably lightened by the use of coal ashes.

Do not plant under trees or near buildings.

The tubers should be planted about six inches deep and three to four feet apart each way.

Lay the tuber flat, with the eye, or sprout, pointing upward. Dahlias may be planted from May up to July 1st, but best results are obtained when planted between the 1st and 15th of June.

As soon as a plant has two or three pairs of leaves, pinch out the center of the plant, thereby inducing the growth of heavy side branches. The plant will not grow so tall, but will bear just as many flowers, and as a rule will do away with the use of dahlia stakes.

Commence cultivating the plants as soon as they are through the ground, and keep your ground in a mellow condition to the end of the season. Never allow a crust to form around your dahlias.

Poor soil, or soil inclined to bake, may be improved by the addition of well-rotted manure, which should be well spaded in.

After the dahlias have started to bloom, well-rotted manure may be raked into the ground around each plant every week with excellent results.

The size of the flowers may be increased by disbudding. Buds are usually born in sets of threes. The two side buds are removed, thus throwing the strength into the one remaining and giving a larger flower.

Flowers should be cut in the morning, with the dew on them, and immediately plunged into hot water for a few seconds. The flowers, if then placed in cold water and kept in a cool place, will last a week or more.

As soon as the plants are killed by frost in the fall they should be dug up and, after being left in the open for a few hours to dry, packed in sawdust or sand.

Dahlias keep best in a cool place, where the temperature is about 45 degrees.

Divide the clumps in the spring, after the eyes begin to show.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF DAHLIAS

Dahlias are divided into a number of classes.

The Cactus have long, narrow petals, sometimes twisted and fluted, and sometimes resemble a chrysanthemum.

The Hybrid have coarse, wide petals,

The Peony type is of recent introduction, but has become very popular. They are usually a very large flower, with few rows of petals, and show an open center. Sometimes the inner petals are twisted and curled over the center, which gives the flower a resemblance to a semi-double peony, from which it takes its name.

The Decorative dahlias have rounded or flat petals, loosely formed, and should never show an open center. This type is used

extensively for cutting.

Show Type: These are the old-fashioned quilled or ball type of

dahlia, and many of them are very fine.

Pompon are the same as the show type except in size and should not be over 2 inches in diameter.

The Single dahlia has but one row of petals, with a large, open

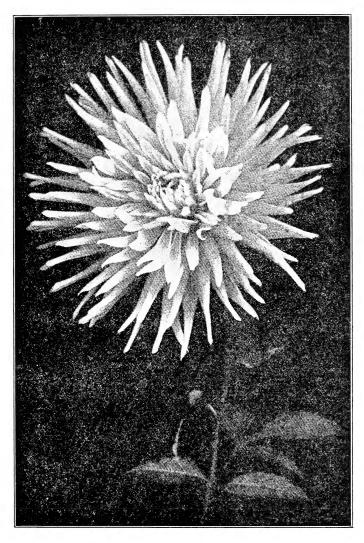
center.

The Collarette type have one row of petals and a row of shorter petals of another color, forming a collar around a yellow disc.

#### CACTUS DAHLIAS

ADVANCE—Very large, light scarlet flowers, borne on long, stiff
stems
ATTRACTION-A very fine hybrid cactus dahlia; large flowers of
clear lilac rose
BIANCO—A fine new dahlia of large size and fine form; rose
color; strong grower and very free flowering75
BLANCHE KEITH—Beautiful pure yellow of large size25
BREAK O' DAY-Clear, sulphur yellow, sulphur white at tips,
with satiny sheen throughout; fine flower 1.00
COCKATOO—A clear canary yellow, sometimes tipped pure
white
CHIPETA—A mammoth flower borne on very long stems which
will hold the flower erect; a pleasing color of amaranth
red
CLARA BARTON (Hy. Ca.) - One of the finest flowers of its
kind; free bloomer; color, a beautiful creamy white75
DENISON-Pure rosy pink of large size sharp petals, long stems;
an early and free bloomer
DUCHESS OF MARLBORO—A beautiful tint of solferine over-
lays the rich golden orange, a coloring that is very pleasing;
lays the field golden orange, a coloring that is very pleasing,
a most perfect cactus dahlia
<b>DICTATOR</b> (H. Ca.)—An extra fine bloomer of large size; color,
purplish maroon; flowers held erect on long, stiff stems; very
fine 1.00
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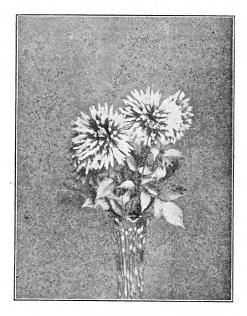
DOROTHY HAYES—A large, clear, rosy cerise; incurved petals;
very free bloomer
EXTASE—A beautiful lavender pink of large size on good stems; a very free flowering dahlia
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ETENDARD DE LYON—A rich carmine rose color; a fine dahlia both for cutting and exhibition
FLORADORA—Wine crimson; a very free bloomer; early20
F. W. FELLOWS—Color, a bright orange, sometimes tipped white;
a free bloomer; fine for exhibition 1.00
GALLIARD—Semi-dwarf, scarlet crimson, long, narrow petals;
very free
GEN. BULLER—A rich, deep crimson, tipped white25
GEORGE WALTERS—One of the largest hybrid dahlias grown;
very free, with flowers well above the foliage on stiff stems;
color, a salmon rose, shaded a silvery pink
GOLDLAND—A fine primrose yellow of perfect form; as for
free flowering it has old Floradora beat
GLADYS SHERWOOD (Hy. Ca.)—An extra fine white flower,
free bloomer; of fine form on strong, erect stems 3.00
FREDERICK WINHAM—One of the largest cactus dahlias grown;
petals long and narrow, partially incurved, but irregularly
whirled and twisted, giving them a most graceful appear-
ance; color, a fawn pink with soft salmon at center
GOLDEN GATE—Very large flowers, with heavy petals of a
golden yellow hue; a fine hybrid cactus
petals are short and taper at ends; a very beautiful dahlia as
a cut flower
HARVEST MOON—A very large pink dahlia, shaded lighter at
tips; a very good all around dahlia
HENRI CAYEAUX—Old gold, shading to golden vellow25
HOFFMUNG-Chrome yellow center, shaded rose pink, tipped old
rose; large flowers of fine form
HELEN DURNBAUGH (Hy. Ca.)—This is one of the loveliest
of its kind; the color is a delicate blush, deepening at center
to a rosy glowing tint that should be seen to be appreciated,
1.50
INGRESS—Best dark maroon; very free, long stems35
J. H. JACKSON—A very dark rich maroon; very free
bloomer
tings of solmon
tinge of salmon
crimson shade
KALIF—The largest hybrid dahlia; the flowers, with broad, deep
red petals, are held well above the foliage on good, long
stems; a good all around dahlia
LACEMAKER-Deep carmine tipped white petals, twisted, in-
curved; very free



MARGUERITE BOUCHON

LADY SWAYTHLING-A fine flower for exhibition; very large
salmon pink shading yellow at base
LADY HELLEN—A beautiful deep pink coloring of slight veins of white tinted with cream; flowers large, stems often 18 inches in length
LORNA DOONE—The blending of colors is unusual; yellow at
base, the greater part of the petals being a pink shade yet
so decidedly tinged with carmine as to make it very dis-
tinct; flowers of medium size
LIBELLE-Light purple; very large and free bloomer20
LIBERTY BELL (Hy.)-Color, soft crimson carmine, shading
LIBERTY BELL (Hy.)—Color, soft crimson carmine, shading yellow at base of petals, with white tips; flowers large; a fine
exhibition dahlia 1.00
MAD. HENRI CAYEAUX—Pink, slightly tipped white35
MARGUERITE BOUCHON-Large, brilliant rose pink, tipped
white, with light pink center
MERCURY—Deep yellow, striped crimson; a very fine fancy
cactus
yellow for half the length of petals, the remainder pure white;
a most profuse bloomer
very large and free flowering
MRS. FRED JEFFRIES (H. Ca.)—A large, deep maroon; very
free
center; one of the largest and best
MILTON HOWARD—A charming shade of pink with white
center and tips of petals; good size flowers on stiff stems .50
MME. ANNIE MARIE CHANTRE-One of the finest and largest
violet rose pink cactus dahlias grown; petals long, straight and cleft, good stems and growth 1.00
NELLIE SLOCOMB—Very large, narrow petals, deep pink, slight-
ly shaded cream; very pretty dahlia
NIBLEUNGHORT-Beautiful shade of old rose; golden apricot
suffusion; petals curved and twisted; flowers very free and
long stems
PIERROT—A very striking novelty dahlia; pure amber, overlaid bronze; petals tipped white; large and a free bloomer 1.00
PIUS X—Beautiful white, slight sulphur-tinted center; flowers
very free
PRIMA DONNA-Large ivory-white tinted violet; very fine .50
QUAKER CITY—(Hy. Ca.)—In this fine new dahlia each petal is
supplemented with from three to six narrow pointed petals
showing up through the flowers, making a very artistic flower of good size and a very free bloomer; color, primrose
vellow 1.00
QUEEN OF HEARTS-Pure white sulphur yellow, center very
fine; free bloomer

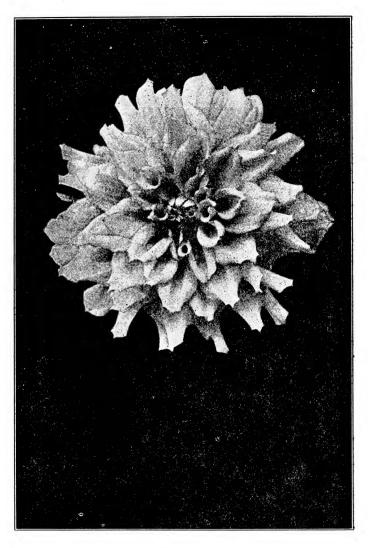
RAPIERE (Hy. Ca.)—One of the best autumn shade dahlias;
flowers of large size on good long stems; color golden yellow;
a most wonderful free bloomer 1.00
RECORD-Scarlet orange; large flowers on long stiff stems .20
REINIE CAYEAUX-Very free, on long stems; brilliant crimson;
good cut flower
REV. T. W. JAMISON-Violet rose at tips, shading to primrose
yellow at base of petals; incurved and very large35
RHEINCHER FROHSINN-A very distinct variety; the flowers
are large and of fine form, the petals are white at base, but
soon change to a luminous carmine rose



GEN. BULLER

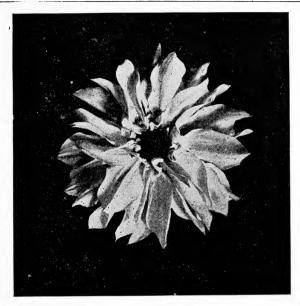
RUTH GLEADEL-Immense flower; soft yellow shading to apricot
bronze on outer petals
RUTH FORBES—A clear pink flower composed of heavy petals
on long stiff stems
SWEET BRIAR-One of the loveliest shades of soft pink; very
long, narrow, incurved petals

T. G. BAKER—Large, yellow, narrow petals; very free
PEONY FLOWERED DAHLIAS
ANDREW CARNEGIE—Clear salmon pink, bronze shading; petals
somewhat flat; prominent center
ANNA DOPENBURG—Beautiful sulphur yellow; a Holland creation, where it is considered one of the best in cultivation .50
AURORE—New Holland dahlia; the flowers are of large size produced on long, stiff stems well above the foliage; color, a very deep rich orange; the plants are tall and sturdy; a most abundant bloomer
BERCH VON HEEMSTEDT-A pure yellow flower, with just a
tint of orange; large size, fine form, and a free bloomer .25 BLACK BEAUTY—The largest and blackest of all dahlias grown; a fine flower of large size on long stems; a fine exhibition flower
CANONCHET-Color, grayish salmon blended and marked with
pink and gold; immense flowers with long stems
long, stiff stems; a fine cut flower
blooms held erect on long, stiff stems
CLEOPATRA-A rich oriental red, marked with yellow; very
free flowering and always attracts attention
stiff stem
peony dahlias; large flowers, held well above the foliage on long, stiff stems; color is a beautiful combination; old rose, splashed and shaded old gold; a flower always asked for in a bouquet
DIANA—A very large flower of fine form; crimson, with violet
reflects admired by all dahlia growers
DR. PEARY—A rich, dark mahogany of large size and a free



BREAK O' DAY

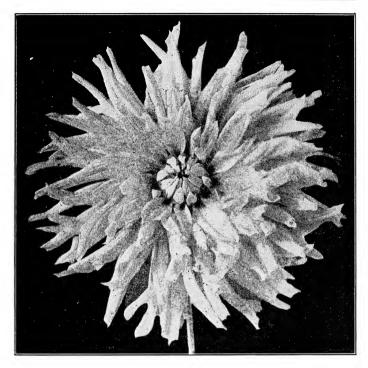
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	SEWALL—Fawn, pink shaded amber; good stems and ize
DR. R	RUSHBY—A grand, free blooming, pale yellow, with large lowers well above the foliage
	HESS OF BRUNSWICK—Color, red; outside florets apricot; one of the best all around dahlias
‡ 1:	NIQUE—A striking new variegated sort; the flowers are arge with about two-thirds of the base being a rich scarlet naroon, the balance is tipped pure white
	ESS—Color, salmon scarlet; flower of good size, on long tems; a very free bloomer
	TRA—Color, bluish mauve; large flowers held erect above he foliage; free flowering; a fine dahlia
v	—A very large white flower on long stems; a fine exhibition variety
	ION—Rose pink, splashed and shaded magenta; large flowers on good stems
FRAU	LEIN BUDDE—Beautiful soft mauve pink, on good stems; ree flowering
FRIT2	ZIMAN—An unusual brilliant red, usually splashed with white
FUSI-	-A new cream white; flowers erect on good stems
	NET QUEEN—Deep garnet color; a fine flower25
	IANIA—Glowing crimson, shaded yellow at base
1	ong stems: color, a deep pink-shaded salmon, overlaid rose; ofine dahlia, both for exhibition and garden
	RY OF NIJKERK—Flowers of large size on long stems;
HAMI	color purple shaded maroon
HORT	FANULUS BUDDE—A bright, deep red
H. J.	LOVINK—White shaded mauve, very attractive; flowers
HORT	are well above the foliage
S	stiff stems
	S.C. GILL—The best cut flower dahlia introduced; artistic lowers of giant size are carried on long, stiff stems; the
	plants are medium height and loaded with blooms all season, he color being a rich golden orange marked and toned with
	scarlet
	clear, golden yellow, quickly changing to fiery scarlet .50
	ALBERT—A dark violet flower of great merit; held well
MRS.	above the foliage
MME.	nine; early and a great bloomer
	very large, attractive flower 1.00



MRS. G. GORDON

MRS. G. GORDON—Best lemon yellow grown; flowers large and free, on long, stiff stems
flower
a beautiful fancy dahlia of large size; a very free bloomer;
fine for exhibition
MRS. J. B. RIDING—Deep crimson; good cut flower25
MARIE STUDHOLM—A pretty, large lavender pink25
MME. VARD—The largest and best dahlia in existence; a French
novelty; the color, currant red, shading to yellow at center;
a dahlia fit for any collection 1.00
MRS. J. C. VAUGHAN—A great bloomer of large size; bright,
clear yellow incurved petals; very free
MRS. BOWEN TUFTS—Color, a deep rosy purple; the flowers
are produced on long stems well above the foliage; a fine
garden dahlia
MEDALLION-Color, a beautiful cerise pink, the central petals
being rayed with gold; a very free bloomer50
MINNEHAHA—Giant flowers of light red on good stems; for
cutting

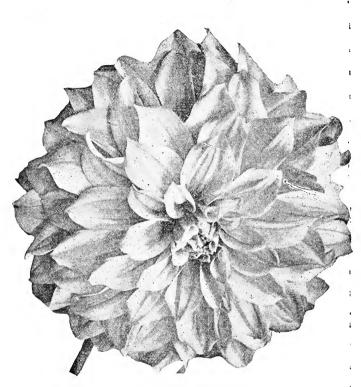
NINNIGRET-Color, a rich, dark red, flowers of large size, on
long stems
impossible to do it justice in description; a deep burgundy
with maroon suffusion shading to creamy pink at the edge
of petals; a very large flower and free blooming 1.00 NIAGARA—A lovely odd shade of red; the flower is very large
and unique; the tiny petals are so numerous as often to
completely cover the yellow center; a free bloomer on long,
upright stems
speckled dark red; the flowers are immense; a dandy50
PAINTED LADY—Color, pale rose; reverse of petals very dark;
flowers large, on long, stiff stems
PRICELLA—A very large flower on long stems well above the foliage; color orange red; very fine
P. W. JENSEN—Rosy salmon, overlaid yellow20
POWHATAN—Dark crushed strawberry; a very free flowering
dahlia, with flowers of good size
flowering; a very good garden dahlia
RUBENS-Color, pink, shaded to cream amber; flowers large on
long, erect stems; a fine cut flower
pretty dahlia
SAMOSET—Color, light yellow, with petals tipped pink; large
flowers, on long stems
flowers on long, stiff stems
SOUV DE SILVET—A combination of scarlet and gold: a fine
flower on long, stiff stems
sulphur yellow
TERRA COTTA—A large flower of a beautiful terra cotta color,
borne on long, stiff stems
on a good stem
VAN DYKE—A mammoth twisted flower; color, salmon rose
tinted heliotrope; long, wiry stems
VERNA TOMPSON—White, heavily clouded cerise; large, striking bloom
WM. REED BUTLER—One of the finest white dahlias; very large,
almost full to the center, on long, wiry stems; very free and
a mass of blooms all the fall
large, on long stems
WASCO BEAUTY—(Ca. Pe.)—Bronzy red, marked and tipped
rich yellow
yellow; large, elegant flowers on long, stiff stems
ZEPPELIN DECORATIVE—A very pretty shade of mauve; flowers
are well formed on long, stiff stems



#### BIANCA

DECORATIVE TIFE
ALBERT MANDA—One of the largest dahlias grown; lemon mixed white and pink; a very good all around dahlia50
AYESHA—A beautiful, clear light yellow; flowers are immense, with large, shell-like petals on long, stiff stems
AMAZEMENT—This is a very good variegated dahlia of red and white; the flowers are full double with serrated tips .50
AMERICAN BEAUTY—A very large wine crimson flower; one of the old varieties that is still very popular; a free bloomer,
BREEZE LAWN—Color, vivid vermillion; splendid form, with full center, a fine variety for exhibition
BLACK BEAUTY—Large, velvety maroon, almost black; free flowering, good stems

BONNIE BRAE (De.)—Flowers are immense; color is cream,
shaded blush pink
large, on long, stiff stems; one of the best fancy decoratives
to date; stock always scarce 2.50
CHIEFTAIN-A very large flower, deep wine color, shaded purple;
very free blooming
CHIEFTAIN—Clear, light red, heavily streaked and splashed canary yellow; very large and attractive 1.00
CORRY—Color, light heliotrope pink, very distinct coloring for a
dahlia; very large, on long, stiff stems 1.00
CHALANGE-Color a deep salmon red overlaying yellow, with
a rosy tint at tips; a fine cut flower
DELICE—A pretty, bright pink, entirely distinct of beautiful form; a fine variety for cutting
DR. TEVIS-One of the largest and most beautiful decorative
dahlias, often over 9 inches in diameter; color, a soft salmon
rose, suffused with old gold, which deepens to golden apricot
near the center; pronounced by many the most beautiful dahlia grown
DELIGHTED—Color white, extra large and free bloomer25
D. M. MOORE—Dark velvet maroon, almost black; large size
flowers; dwarf grower
DOROTHY FLINT-Flowers large, of a clear pink, overlaid
white, long stems and very free
tints; a free bloomer, on long stiff stems
DUFUR QUEEN-A massive flower, full to center; color, lemon,
lightly suffused with salmon rose
DREAM—A beauty; a conspicuous shade of salmon with amber-like glow
D. V. POTTER—A pleasing shade of lavender, some of the flowers
with white tips; very large and of fine form 2.00
FLAMINGA—A very fine, deep pink, each petal tipped white;
the flowers are very attractive and bloom in profusion75 FRECKLES—Color, buttercup yellow, striped garnet; a fine fancy
decorative flower; large, on good stems; a fine bloomer .75
GARDEN CITY—Very large flowers on long stems; color is pur-
ple, tipped and splashed with white; very free flowering and
ought to be in every collection
times red; a very free flowering dahlia of large size 1.00
GOLDEN WEST-Golden yellow, a very free flowering dahlia;
extra good for cutting
stiff stems; one of the best for cutting
HENRY PATRICK—Large flower on long stems; very free; one of
the best pure whites for cutting



QUEEN MARY

HARMONY—A fine flower; its color, mauve rose with golden suffusion
H. G. NEWMAN—A deep, rich red; a first-class dahlia in every way
HORTULANAS FIET—Extra large flower of a beautiful shade of pink; overlaid with salmon and gold; long, stiff stems75
HY MAIER—Large flower on long stems; base of petals yellow shaded and tipped to a bronze red; very pretty and free .50
IMMENSE—A beautiful shade of white, with carmine and rose shades; fine for the garden
JANE SELBY—Color mauve pink, large flowers on good stems a fine keeper when cut
JACK ROSE—Good crimson flower for cutting
KATHERINE DUER—A bright red flower, on a long stem
and a free bloomer
LE GRAND MANITOU—A fine, fancy dahlia, purple striped white; one of the best
LUCERO—Color, bronze buff with a carmine flush and a deeper tinted center of good size and depth; a fine cut flower50
LYDIA VANCE—White overlaid lavender pink; very fine
MARCELLA GILL—A dandy flower for cutting; the color is a soft shell pink, bright and attractive; a free bloomer 2.50
MARYAN—Apricot to buff, on perfect stems; very fine for cut ting or garden
on strong stems
a fine, large flower on long, stiff stems
MANITOU—A large flower of amber bronze; a fine garden o exhibition dahlia
MASTERPIECE—Pure tango color; large flower on long, stif stems; good for cutting
MINA BURGLE—Large, glowing scarlet on long, stiff stems; fine
for cutting

MONS LENORMAND—Large, bright yellow, striped with red, often showing white on tips of petals 1.00
MOROCCO—Deep purple, nearly always tipped white25 MRS. R. R. STRANGE—Burnished copper with faint shadings of old gold and old rose; a very fine autumn dahlia; a talk grower and free bloomer
MRS. THOMAS BUSH—One of the best in its class; color, a red- dish salmon shading primrose yellow at center and tipped rose; a large flower on long stems 1.00
MRS. A. I. DUPONT—One of the best varieties grown; color, a rich ruby red; a very free flowering dahlia of large size 1.00
MRS. HARTONG—A deep orange color tipped with pink25
MRS. J. M. GOODRICH—Salmon pink, tipped primrose yellow; plants are semi-dwarf, with medium-sized flowers
MRS. ROOSEVELT-A pretty shade of rose pink, slightly tinged
white; a large, full flower on long stems
stiff stems; fine for exhibition or garden 2.50
MRS. T. B. ACKERSON-Fine crimson and white flamed yellow;
flowers large, and good stems; very showy in the garden .75  MINUTEMAN—Deep orange, shading to yellow; center striped with white; a good, all around dahlia
MRS. SYKES-Beautiful pink, of American Beauty rose shade;
very fine
white
MR. JIGGS-Bright Tuscan red, with white shadings; very pretty,
of good size and a free bloomer
long stems well above the foliage; color, white, edge pink
NINA—A fine, new, large white, with a lilac blush, often growing
six and seven inches across
OREGON BEAUTY—Oriental red; petals fold back to stem;
flowers large, on stiff stems; very early
of the orange-colored dahlias; flowers are of good size on
stiff stems, two feet long; a most free bloomer 1.00
PERE DE LYON—(Hybrid Cactus)—Splendid pure white, of medium size, on long stems; fine for cutting20
PERLE D'OR—Fine white, faintly veined lavender
PRIDE OF NEW HAVEN—Color, coppery bronze, shaded to clear
amber-tinted pink; the flowers are very large and free; a
fine autumn dahlia
suffused garnet

PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA—This is one of the best reds. It is a wide, loose petaled flower of great size on strong stems; a
fine cut flower, as it has splendid keeping qualities 1.00 PAUL BONYON—Beautiful large blooms of a salmon pink with
luminous golden sheen
stiff stems; one of the best for cutting
on long stems
much larger; is very free flowering
or exhibition
side of petals shaded deeper
and a tinge of rosy red toward the center
bition
most satisfactory variegated dahlias
vigorous grower and is very fine flowering
ROSE GEM—One of the finest pink dahlias grown for exhibition or for the garden
RUTH ROLAND—Color, sulphur yellow tipped and suffused mauve rose; a very fine dahlia
STANLEY—A dark carmine purple, shaded deep Tyrian rose, of large size
STARLIGHT—A nice, white striped red flower of medium size, and a very free bloomer
SOUV GUST DOAZON—One of the largest red decorative, some-
times shading to orange
SYLVIA—A deep pink, shading to white at center; one of the best for cutting
SNOWDRIFT—A very large, deep flower with broad, waxy petals; one of the best white dahlias grown
SCHONE HAMBERGERIN—Color, old golden ochre yellow, suffused with bronze; a fine autumn shade dahlia 1.00
SULPHUR KING—Gigantic yellow flower
VICTORY—A fine large flower; color, a wonderful amber 1.50 W. W. RAWSON—Pure white, overlaid with amethyst blue; very
large size flowers on good stems
long stems; good for cutting

#### SHOW AND FANCY DAHLIAS



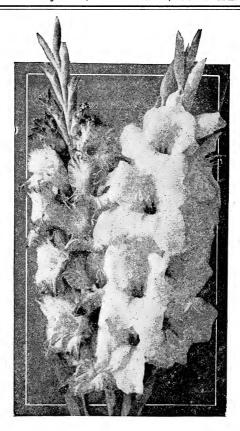
ELSIE BURGESS

A. D. LIVONI—A fine, pure pink
ARABELLA—Pale lemon, daintily overlaid with pink
CALEB POWERS—Soft blush pink; very large and free
CREMO-Light, creamy yellow, with petals partly quilled; a fine
garden or exhibition dahlia
CUBAN GIANT-Large, dark crimson; very free25
DAVID WARFIELD—A mammoth dahlia of extra good habits
producing its flower well above the foliage on stiff stems
color, a deep cherry red
DOROTHY PEACOCK—Clear pink, large size
DREER'S WHITE-Large, pure white; a fine garden dahlia .25
DREER'S YELLOW-Pure quilled yellow, with full center; one o
the best

ELSIE BURGESS—Delicate white, suffused beautiful lavender and
faint light pink; long stems
perfect form and size, with its unique coloring, makes it one
of the best for exhibition
GLADIATEUR—Clear violet, shaded blue; fine for exhibition :25
GLORY OF LYON—Very fine, white; better than White Swan;
medium flower on long stems
MAUDE ADAMS—This wonderful dahlia is one of the best; color,
pure snowy white, overlaid delicate pink; the large flowers,
produced on long stems, are full to the last; always in
bloom
MRS. SUSAN WILSON—Very large, deep burnt orange, veined
with orange red
PRIDE OF ORANGE—Rich yellow, heavily tipped red25
RELIANCE—A very deep flower of large size; white at base,
deeply edged purple crimson, veined crimson35
RENE CHARLOTTE—A purple crimson, flowers are produced on
long stems; fine for cutting
ROBERT MANTEL—A very deep maroon; large and free flower-
ing; a rank grower
ROSE—A deep rose shade; flowers erect on long stems; a very
fine dahlia
STRADELLA—Rich, deep purple crimson; free flowering on long
stems; very fine
TILLAMOOK-Color, a delicate blush, rose tips; large and very
free
VIVIAN—White-edged rose purple; one of the largest and finest
to date
COLLARETTE DAHLIAS
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ACHIEVEMENT-Largest and finest of the collarettes; rich,
velvety maroon; collar clear, waxy, snow white, overlaid
pinkish crimson
MAD. E. POIRIER—Deep purple, suffused with lighter shades,
collar pure white
METEOR-Crimson maroon, slightly edged old gold; collar cream
white: a star-shaped dahlia
RENE DE GERARD—Rich purple shaded lighter, with large white
collar

#### SINGLE DAHLIAS

GLADYS—Center of petals rosy crimson, rose-pink band on estate and white zone around the yellow center; very so ing  ROSE PINK CENTURY—Deep pink  ROERNER'S WHITE—Large, pure white; yellow center  SIREN—Crushed strawberry, crimson and yellow; a most be ful flower  VIOLETTE—Lively shade of crimson  POMPON DAHLIAS	trik- .25 .20 .15
ARCHILLES—Delicate lavender tipped pink ALEWINE—Delicate pink-tinted white AMBER QUEEN—Rich, clear amber-shaded apricot ARIEL—Deep orange buff DARKEST OF ALL—Nearly black; fine form and very free FASCINATION—Pink overlaid lavender; very good GANGEMEDE—Buff tinted pink; fine GUIDING STAR—Pure white LITTLE BESSIE—Creamy; very good; white	.10 .15 .20 .15 .15 .10 .15
LITTLE JENNIE—Primrose yellow	.10
MADELINE—Pale primrose edged with rose purple	.15
MERIT—Pale yellow; fine	.15
PRIDE-Very deep crimson; in shape and habit a model of	per-
fection; extra fine	.3 <b>5</b>
SAN TOY—White, very heavily tipped carmine	.20
SUNBEAM—Crimson scarlet; one of the best	.20



#### **GLADIOLUS CULTURE**

Gladioli are very easy to grow. Plant bulbs about 6 inches deep in any good garden soil, but do not let stable or barnyard manure come in contact with the bulb, as this will cause it to decay. Use commercial fertilizer, thoroughly mixed with the soil. A few bulbs planted every ten days, from April 15th to July 1st, in this latitude will give flowers until frost. Give thorough cultivation, and in cutting leave most of the leaves on the plant, so as to mature the bulb for another year.

#### GLADIOLUS BULBS

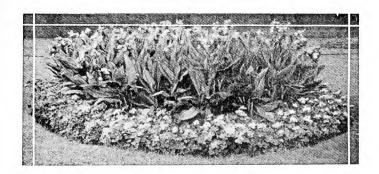
AMERICA—Beautiful shell pink; each
Per dozen
peach-blossom pink; lower petals striped carmine red; very
fine; each
Per dozen 1.75
ARIZONA—Fine dark pink with maroon markings; each10 Per dozen
ATTRACTION-Deep crimson with white throat; very fine and
showy; each
Per dozen
BLUE JAY—Beautiful pale blue, with a white blotch; each20 Per dozen
CHICAGO WHITE—A fine white, with lavender stripes on lower
petals; early; each
C. M. KELWAY—A beautiful light pink; very fine; each25
Per dozen 2.00
CRACKERJACK-Large flowers of rich, velvety red; each10
Per dozen
CRIMSON GLOW-By far the most beautiful red gladiolus on the
market; very large, open flowers of the finest form; each .35 Per dozen
EMPRESS OF INDIA—A rich, dark red; one of the best of recent
novelties; each
Per dozen
EVELYN KIRTLAND-A beautiful shade of rosy pink, darker at
the edges fading to shell pink at the center with brilliant
scarlet blotch on lower petal; very tall spike; early, each
FAIRY—Cream color; medium size flowers on straight spikes;
each
Per dozen 1.00
GLORY OF HOLLAND-Pure white with slight shadings of pale
pink; each
Per dozen
GRETCHEN ZANG—Tall, graceful spike of soft shade of geranium pink with carmine throat markings; each20
Per dozen 2.00
GOLIATH-A fine large deep wine, very dark; a better Empress
of India; each
Per dozen
GOLDEN KING—A brilliant golden yellow with intense crimson blotch in throat; one of the best yellow varieties; each15
Per dozen

GLORY-Each petal is suffused and fluted; color, a delicate cream
pink with crimson stripe; large, wide open flowers; each .20
Per dozen 2.00
HERADA—An intense phlox; color, shaded pure purple; a tall
grower, with large wide open flowers; each
Per dozen 2.00
HALLEY—Very large salmon pink; each
Per dozen
IDA VAN-A beautiful, deep salmon red; early; each
Per dozen
JESSIE—A very good early red; each
Per dozen
JUMBO-Deep pink, throat amber white, sprinkled carmine;
each
Per dozen 1.00
KLONDIKE-Clear yellow, with crimson blotch; early; each .10
Per dozen
LILY WHITE-A beautiful, pure white, with faint markings; the
best white to date; early, with six to eight flowers open at a
time; each
Per dozen 2.50
LOUISE-Finest lavender gladioli out, with wine-colored blotch at
throat; blossoms extra large; admired by everyone; each .50
Per dozen 5.00
LOVELINESS-Creamy white large flowers, tall straight spikes;
each
Per dozen 1.50
MRS. W. E. FRYER—Fine, large scarlet; tall grower; wide open
flowers; each
Per dozen
MASTER WIETSE-Royal purple; many flowers open at one time;
very good; each
Per dozen
open at the same time; each
Per dozen
MRS. FRANK PENDLETON, JR.—Bright, light pink, with crim-
son blotch; very large, wide-open flower; long, well-filled
spike; each
Per dozen 1.00
MRS. O. W. HALLADAY-Delicate, soft silky pink, with creamy
blotch; very fine; each
Per dozen 1.00
MRS. WATT—Beautiful wine crimson; large open flower; the best
of its color for cutting; each
Per dozen 1.00
NIAGARA—Very large, yellow, graceful flowers; each10
Per dozen 1.00

NORMA DE CHILDS-Large, open flower of delicate shell pink,
mottled darker; cream throat; each
Per dozen 1.50
PANAMA—A fine pink; better than America, with wide-open
flowers; each
PEACE—Very large, open white flower, with pale carmine blotch
on lower petals; long, well-filled spike; each
Per dozen
PRIMULIMUS HYBRID—These hybrids are gained by crossing the
species Primulimus with the larger varieties of the Can-
danensis type. They have retained all the daintiness and form of their Primulimus parent, and the colorings range
from primrose to a beautiful rose and geranium shades;
per dozen
Per 100 3.50
PRESIDENT TAFT-Rosy pink, throat yellow green blotched car-
mine; each
Per dozen
deeper tone; a novelty of great value; very fine; each20
Per dozen
Per dozen
Per dozen
PRINCEPS—Amaryllis-like flowers, a dark scarlet, marked with
white on lower petals; very attractive; each
Per dozen
each
Per dozen 1.00
PINK PROGRESSION—Very early; almost white, with red blotch;
each
Per dozen
flowers; each
Per dozen 1.50
ROUGE TORCH-Large, creamy white, red, torch-like tongue on
lower petals; a very striking contrast; each
Per dozen 1.50
SCARSDALE—A deep Jacinth, shading to lavender; very fine;
each
SCHWABEN—This is the largest and strongest flowered yellow
gladiolus grown: extra fine: each
Per dozen 1.00
WHITE AMERICA—Child's introduction; a seedling of America,
with the same habit of growth; color buds, flesh white, open-
ing clear white, with slight marks of blue in throat; very fine; each
Per dozen

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WILLY WIGMAN—Large, wide open flowers; color, a beautiful blush tint, with bright tulip blotch on lower petal; very fine; each
Per dozen
FIVE RUFFLED GLADIOLI OF THE PRIMULIMUS TYPE
ANGOLA—Fine salmon pink.  CONOPUS—Large rich solid yellow.  DEXTER—Tall blush rose pink, throat creamy yellow.  MINATAKA—Upper petals soft pink, lower petals soft creamy yellow with red stripes; very fine and showy.  SEDAN—Fine pale yellow.
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AUSTRIA—Fine yellow, green foliage, 3 feet high20
CITY OF PORTLAND-A beautiful deep rose pink, extra large
flowers; 4 feet high
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A. BOUVIER—A very fine red, green foliage; 3 feet high20
DAVID HARUM—Red, bronze leaf foliage; $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet high20
EGANDALE—Crimson, bronze leaf foliage; 3 feet high20
GLADIATEUR—Brassy yellow, thinly speckled red; green foliage;
3 feet high
GOLDEN GATE-Golden yellow, green foliage; 4 feet high .20
BUTTERCUP—Buttercup yellow, green foliage; 3 feet high .20
KING HUMBERT—Fine orange scarlet; flowers of enormous size;
foliage dark bronze; 4 feet high
METEOR—Dark scarlet, green foliage; 3 feet high20
MME. CROZY—Red edged gold; very fine green foliage20
QUEEN CHARLOTTE—Red edged with yellow; green foliage .20
R. WALLACE—Clear canary yellow; flowers large; green foliage;
4 feet high
PAPA NARDY—Fine crimson, green foliage; 3 feet high20
WM. SUNDERS—Orange red, green foliage; 3 feet high20



#### **PEONIES**

The peonies are among the most magnificent of our spring flowers. They are particularly valuable for border and hedging, where their brilliant hues add beauty to the entire surroundings.

Their requirements are so simple—a good, rich, deep soil. They are perfectly hardy and produce their wealth of flowers in great abundance.

Peonies may be planted any time from September until the ground freezes. Plant so the eyes will be three inches below the surface. Be sure and lay roots flat; do not stand them on end. All roots will be sent out about October 1st.

Our prices are for strong three to five-eye divisions.

DORCHESTER—A fine, upright grower, and of a color that is
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DUCHESS DE NEMOURS—Medium size, pure white crown, with
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DELICATISSMA—Pink opening to white; early; fragrant75
EDULIS SUPERBA—A bright, clear pink; very early75
FELIX CROUSSE—A rich, brilliant ruby red; extra fine 1.00
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FESTIVA MAXIMA—This is the finest white in existence and is
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FRAGRANS—Large; dark pink; very late; a fine cut flower 1.00
HUMI—Large; globular flower; cherry pink, tipped white; very
LATE ROSE—One of the finest cut flowers; a beautiful rose
color
LA SUBLIME—Dark purple magenta; upright grower; very
fragrant; early
MARIE LEMOINE—Rose type; very late. The flowers are large
and massive; color, ivory-white with occasional narrow car-
mine stripes on the edge of some of the petals; this is one
of the best peonies grown
MARIE LEMOINE—Flowers very large; color, ivory white, over-
laid old gold; very beautiful
MARIE STUART—A delicate lavender; makes a great show .50
MODESTE GUERIN—A large, globular bloom; color, pink, with a
tinge of carmine 1.00
MADAM FOREL-Large, globular pink, medium; early; fine;
fragrant
QUEEN VICTORIA—Bomb type; the very best every-day white;
early; when cut a fine keeper; when in bud it has a faint
blush tint
RUBA SUPERBA—The very best red
VIOLACIA—Velvety red, almost maroon; early; large; very
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